IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FLORENCE DIVISION

Daniel Temple, Jr.,)
#254316,)
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Petitioner,)
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vs.) Civil Action No.: 9:08-692-TLW-BM
SCDC Department of Correctional;)
Warden Mr. T. Riley; T.R.C.I.)
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Respondents.)
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ORDER

Petitioner, Daniel Temple, Jr. ("petitioner"), brought this civil action, *pro se*, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (Doc. #1). The respondents filed a motion for summary judgment on August 11, 2008. (Doc. #29). The petitioner filed a response to the respondents' motion on September 16, 2008. (Doc. #48).

This matter now comes before this Court for review of the Report and Recommendation ("the Report") filed by United States Magistrate Judge Bristow Marchant to whom this case had previously been assigned. (Doc. #49). In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the District Court grant the respondents' motion for summary judgment. (Doc. #49). The petitioner filed initial and amended objections to the report. (Doc. #56, Doc. #59). In conducting this review, the Court applies the following standard:

The magistrate judge makes only a recommendation to the Court, to which any party may file written objections...The Court is not bound by the recommendation of the magistrate judge but, instead, retains responsibility for the final determination. The Court is required to make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual

or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which no objections are addressed. While the level of scrutiny entailed by the Court's review of the Report thus depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, the Court is free, after review, to accept, reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's findings or recommendations.

Wallace v. Housing Auth. of the City of Columbia, 791 F. Supp. 137, 138 (D.S.C. 1992) (citations omitted).

In light of the standard set forth in <u>Wallace</u>, the Court has reviewed, <u>de novo</u>, the Report and the objections. After careful review of the Report and objections thereto, the Court **ACCEPTS** the Report. (Doc. #49).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Terry L. Wooten
United States District Judge

March 18, 2009 Florence, South Carolina